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1. REVIEW OF PLANNED TECHNICAL INSTALLATIONS IN NOB HAS BEEN MADE WITH RSO KELLY AND TSO GRIFFITHS. CHANGES IN THE DETAILS OF INSTALLATIONS WHICH HAVE OCCURRED DURING THE 60-90 DAYS HAVE PRECLUDED DETAILED SURVEY REPORTS, HOWEVER, ALL BASIC REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN SPECIFIED AND THE FBO REPRESENTATIVE HAS THESE ON RECORD. THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS OUTLINE THE PLANNED INSTALLATIONS IN WHICH THE RSO CONCURS.

2. THE NOB WILL INCORPORATE A "CONTROL CENTER", SOMEWHAT SIMILAR TO THAT IN TOKYO. THIS CONTROL CENTER IS LOCATED ON THE 2ND FLOOR (AMERICAN) IN AN INTEIOR ROOM. IT WILL CONTAIN ALL VHF RADIO NET CONTROL OPERATIONS AND MUCH OF THE EQUIPMENT NORMALLY FOUND AT A MSG DESK. THIS ROOM WILL BE MANNED BY LOCALS TO PERATE THE RADIOS AND A MSG WATCHSTANDER TO MONITOR THE CCTV'S, OPERATE THE VEHICLE DOOR TO THE BASEMENT AND MONITOR VARIOUS DOOR CONTACT ALARMS. THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE CONSOLES IN THIS ROOM BEING UNDERTAKEN BY THE POST WITH SPACE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
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TECHNICAL SECURITY EQUIPMENT BEING PROVIDED BY THE TSO.

3. ALL BUILDING FACILITIES FOR THE CCTV AND ALARMS, I.E. CONDUITS, ELECTRICAL OUTLETS AND EXTERIOR AIR CONDITIONING DUCTS FOR THE ACR HAVE BEEN INSTALLED.

4. SIX CCTV SYSTEMS WILL BE INSTALLED TWO OF THESE EQUIPPED

WITH REMOTE CONTROL AND ONE FIXED LENS CAMERA WILL BE LOCATED ON THE ROOF PARAPET OF THE BUILDING. THE REMAINING THREE WILL BE INSTALLED IN THE MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, THE CONSULAR LOBBY AND THE USIS LOBBY. THE MONITOR FOR THESE WILL BE IN THE CONTROL CENTER.

5. ALL INTERNAL STAIRWELL DOORS WILL BE QUIPPED WITH CONTACT ALARMS AS WILL THE BASEMENT GARAGE DOOR AND THE REAR EMERGENCY EXIT AT GROUND FLOOR LEVEL. THESE ALRMS WILL TERMINATE IN AES MONITORS IN THE CONTROL CENTER.

6. ALARM SYSTEM PLANS FOR THE C&R/TCU AREA ARE NOT COMPLETE AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER, ATO PERSONNEL ARE PRESENTLY AT THE POST AND A REPORT OF THE INSTALLATION WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF A SEPARATE MESSAGE. THE RSO ADVISES THAT THESE ALARMS SHOULD BE MINITORED BY THE MSG AT POST 1 (CHANCERY ENTRANCE LOBBY). THE SENSING EQUIPMENT WILL CONSIST OF 2 ADVISOR VI UNITS ONE FOR EACH AREA WITH APPROPRIATE TRANSCIEVER HEADS. SINCE A/SY/IPS/T HAS ADVISED THAT THIS IS TO BE A JOINT INSTALLATION IT IS PRESUMED THAT THE MONITOR EQUIPMENT WILL BE PROVIDED BY TCU.

7. ELECTRIC DOOR RELEASES ARE TO BE INSTALLED ON THE DOORS IN THE CHANCERY AND CONSULAR ENTRANCE LOBBIES. THESE LOCKS WILL BE PROVIDED AND INSTALLED BY THE CONTRACTOR CONSTRUCTING THE DOORS AND THEIR OPERATION WILL BE UNDER CONTROL OF THE MSG'S IN THEIR ADJOINING BOOTHS.

8. THREE WALK THROUGH METAL DETECTORS WILL BE INSTALLED, ONE AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE GATE, UTILIZED BY THE LOCAL GUARDS, ONE AT THE ENTRANCE THROUGH THE BULLET RESISTANT BARRIER IN THE CONFIDENTIAL

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CONSULAR LOBBY OPERATED BY THE LOCAL GUARD AND ONE AT THE ENTRANCE THROUGH THE BULLET RESISTANT BARRIER IN THE CHANCERY LOBBY OPERATED BY THE LOCAL GUARD AND OBSERVED BY THE MSG POST 1.

9. THE SCHEDULE OF THE MOVE OF THE 12/30 ACR FROM THE OLD BUILDING TO THE NOB HAS BEEN COVERED IN REFTEL. PREPARATION OF THE PARENT ROOM BY THE CONTRACTOR IS COMPLETE WITH THE MINOR EXCEPTION OF CEILING INSTALLATION.

10. THE RTC PANAMA WILL PROVIDE TSO NOLEN, CEC SMITH AND BJC DUNN TO ASSIST TSO GRIFFITHS AND UT-1 STACEY DURING THE PERIOD MAY 16- JUNE 15. THESE 5 MEN WILL BE SUPPLEMENTED BY ADDITIONAL SEABEE FROM PANAMA AS AVAILABLE IF NEEDED. IT APPEARS, HOWEVER, THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO NEED FOR THIS ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE UNLESS EXTENSIVE ADDITIONAL WORK BECOMES NECESSARY.

11. ALL TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE INSTALLATIONS IS ON HAND AT BUENOS AIRES OR IN THE TSO RIO STOCKS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CCTV CONTROL CABLE WHICH WILL BE ORDERED FROM A/SY/OPS/T BY

TELEGRAM IMMEDIATELY.

12. PRESENT PLANS ARE TO BUILD A GATEHOUSE AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE INTO THE COMPOUND. THIS WILL SERVE AS A PRELIMINARY SECURITY SCREENING POINT FOR PERSONS ENTERING PREMISES. IT IS PROPOSED THAT A CCTV WILL BE INSTALLED TO PROVIDE THE "CONTROL CENTER" WITH VISUAL COVERAGE OF ACTIVITIES AT THIS GATE. THIS GATEHOUSE WILL NOT BE COMPLETED IN TIME TO PERMIT THE CCTV TO BE INSTALLED DURING THE MOVE TO THE NOB.

13. THE REAR FENCE OF THE COMPOUND IS NOT A PRESENT ADAPTABLE TO AN ALARM SYSTEM. IT HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED THAT A BARBED WIRE STRAND OR STRANDS BE ADDED ON TOP OF THE EXISTING FENCE TO PERMIT THE INSTALLATION OF FPS SYSTEMS. THIS ADDITIONAL STRAND AND ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPING WILL NOT BE COMPLETED IN TIME TO PERMIT THE ALARMS TO BE INSTALLED DURING THIS MOVE TO THE NOB. A REQUEST HAS BEEN MADE TO FBO TO INSTALL NECESSARY CONDUIT  
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FROM WITHIN THE CHANCERY TO THE MID POINT OF THE FENCE FOR THE FUTURE INSTALLATION.

14. THE RSO STATES THAT THE POST HAS NO FURTHER MAJOR REQUIREMENTS FOR TECHNICAL SECURITY INSTALLATION PRIOR TO OCCUPANCY OF THE NOB. IT IS PRESUMED THAT ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS MAY BE DISCOVERED ONCE THE BUILDING IS OCCUPIED AND OPERATING.

15. IT IS THE OPINION OF THIS OFFICE THAT TSO GRIFFITHS MADE A FORTUNATE DECISION IN WITHHOLDING HIS COMPLETE DETAILED SURVEY AS THE CHANCERY REQUIREMENTS PRODUCED BY THE DELAYED OCCUPANCY AND REPLACEMENT OF THE RSO WOULD HAVE MADE ANY SUCH SURVEY INVALID. IT WAS NOT UNTIL MID MARCH THAT FIRM REQUIREMENTS WERE DEVELOPED FOR THE OVERALL TECHNICAL INSTALLATIONS.  
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